Age relaxation for OBC candidates

650. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give age relaxation to the candidates of other backward classes in recruitment as per "Mandal Commission recommendation" as applied in the case of SC/STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) At present these is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has not taken any decision in this regard.

Amendment of the WAKF Act

651. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amendment of the Wakf Act, 1954, is under active consideration of Government;

(b) if so, what is its present stage; and

(c) by when a bill is proposed to be introduced in the Parliament to amend the Wakf Act?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir..

(b) and (c) A Bill incorporating amendments to Wakf Act, 1954 and to Wakf (Amendment) Act, 1984 is likely to be introduced during the current session of Parliament.

Memorial of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

652. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration has agreed to acquire property at 26 Alipur Road, Delhi-54 for constructing memorial of Late Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and asked funds from Government worth Rs. 9 crores for compensation to the owners;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have not released the required funds so far; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for immediate release of funds and whether Government would fix a time schedule for the entire acquisition process so that the long pending demand of Dalits can be fulfilled without delay?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Exploitation of disabled persons

653. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled "Touts Corner land benefits of disabled", which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 16th March, 1993, regarding exploitation of the disabled persons by the unscrupulous elements detected by the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?